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CONSULTATIONS

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(B) STATE 141053  
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1. POLADS JUNE 24 HELD EXCHANGE ON POSSIBLE NATO CONSULTATIONS RE  
UPCOMING LUGANO EXPERTS' CONFERENCE AND THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
ON HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICT. BELGIAN, UK, ITALIAN AND  
FRG REPS SAID THEIR GOVTs FAVORED SUCH CONSULTATIONS; DANISH AND  
FRENCH REPS REPORTED THEIR AUTHORITIES HAD NO OBJECTIONS.  
NORWEGIAN REP SUGGESTED NATO DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE AFTER THE  
LUGANO EXPERTS' CONFERENCE EARLY NEXT YEAR, BUT WITHDREW THIS IDEA  
WHEN IT GATHERED NO SUPPORT. US REP SAID HE WOULD REPORT VIEWS  
OF OTHER DELEGATIONS TO WASHINGTON.

2. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON WHETHER TO REQUEST ADVICE FROM INT'L  
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MILITARY STAFF (IMS) RE IMPLICATIONS OF BANNING OR LIMITING  
USE OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AS SWEDEN HAS PROPOSED. PROCEDURAL  
SUGGESTION WAS ALSO MADE THAT REQUEST TO IMS SHOULD TAKE FORM  
OF A MANDATE FOR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, WHICH THE NAC WOULD

BE ASKED TO APPROVE. ITALIAN AND FRENCH REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES HOPED IMS ADVICE ON WEAPONS QUESTION WOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED AND DETAILED. FRG REP NOTED HIS MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN A PRELIMINARY LOOK AT THE POSSIBLE COSTS OF REPLACING THE WEAPONS WHOSE USE MIGHT BE BANNED. BONN'S TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS WERE THAT REPLACEMENT COSTS WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE.

3. CONSENSUS EMERGED AT MEETING THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE TREATED IN TWO PHASES: (A) POLADS WILL FIRST REQUEST IMS TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF PROHIBITING CERTAIN WEAPONS; (B) POLADS, AT AUTUMN MEETING WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS, COULD ANALYZE RESULTS OF IMS STUDY AND HOLD A CONSULTATION ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT REQUEST WHICH POLADS CHAIRMAN WOULD SEND TO IMS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE THE UTILITY FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL OF THE SWEDISH AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS AS WELL AS THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A PROHIBITION, TAKING, HOWEVER, INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING CERTAIN USE LIMITATIONS WHICH WOULD NOT DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE.

END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: POLADS DISCUSSION WAS USEFUL IN NARROWING ISSUE TO REQUESTING IMS STUDY. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE ALLIED SUPPORT FOR SUCH A STUDY, WE THINK IT WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE FOR US TO OPPOSE IT OUTRIGHT. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE INDICATE NO OBJECTION TO IMS STUDY, BUT SAY WE PREFER THAT IT BE HANDLED AT POLADS/IMS LEVEL. ESCALATING ISSUE TO NAC/MILITARY COMMITTEE LEVEL (SEE PARA 2) MIGHT RESULT IN DEBATE WHICH COULD DUPLICATE OR COMPLICATE WORK OF PARIS GROUP (REF A).

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5. RECOMMENDATION: THAT WE BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM JULY 1 POLADS MEETING THAT US HAS NO OBJECTION TO IMS STUDY, BUT DOUBTS UTILITY OF CHANNELING THE REQUEST THROUGH COUNCIL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE. BRUCE

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